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PROJECT: West End

SIZE: 41 Acres

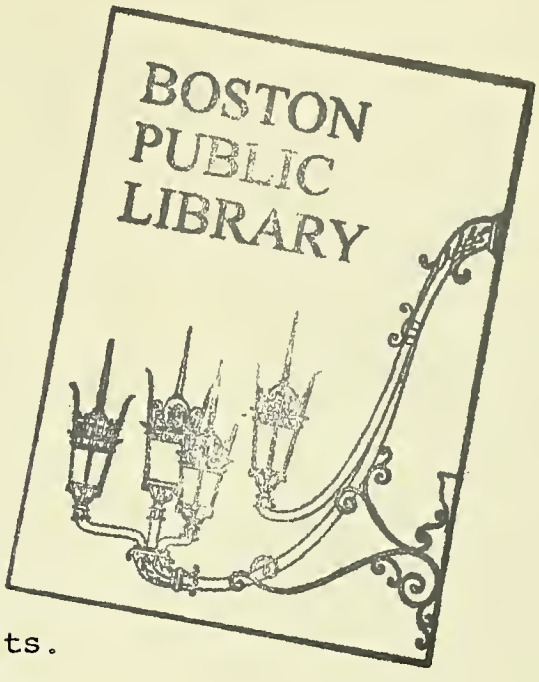
STATUS: Execution

FEDERAL GRANT: $$11,300,000.00

A. State Share: $ 2,700,000.00

B. City Share: $ 2,700,000.00

PRIVATE INVESTMENT: $60,000,000.00
(estimated)



RE-USE PLAN:

1. 2,400 dwelling units.
2. Shopping Center.
3. Nursery School.
4. Library.
5. $2,500,000 Business School.
6. Parking facilities.
7. $1,200,000 Home for Elderly Priests.
8. Research Center.
9. $3,500,000 Shriner's Hospital.

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TAX IMPACT: Tax revenues from this area will be substantially increased when redevelopment is completed.

SUMMARY

The West End Project area is situated between the Government Center on its eastern line and the Charles River on its western line, and is adjacent to the Massachusetts General Hospital. Two high-rise apartment buildings have been tenanted and construction is well underway on the second complex. Eventually, some 2,400 families, comprising five neighborhoods, will enjoy garden-type downtown living.

Charles River Park represents an effort by the City and private redevelopers to make it possible for those people who have the means and desire to do so to live close to the downtown. The apartments are convenient to the new Government Center, to the Financial District, to retail outlets, to historical points of interest, to restaurants and entertainment, and to the Waterfront.

The West End Project was Boston's first experience with large scale renewal. In that respect, it provided the Redevelopment Authority with an opportunity to gauge the kind of effort needed to accomplish renewal, the goals toward which Boston's rehabilitation must strive, the balance needed between expanded private investment in the downtown, and provision of new private housing and community services in residential neighborhoods.

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